

EUROPEAN LETTERS.

AN AMERICAN SERMON IN AN AMERICAN CHURCH.

The Famous Lion of Lucerne; a Row on the Lake, and an Ascent of Mount Pilatus by Means of a Wonderful Railway.

LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND, August 12, 1889. Editor Citizen:—After making our first letter to you we left with their left...

In a half hour we had descended probably 1,500 feet, and emerging from the oppressive pall of clouds, were greeted once more by a sunshine such as only Switzerland with its lakes and mountains can provide...

In one hour more the whole descent is accomplished, and we, so lately complaining of cold, have promptly discarded our overcoat and are wandering around the town of Visnam and, wonderful to relate, amongst groves of tall trees in full bearing...

None of us regretted a short delay at Visnam, awaiting our steamer, and it was both profitably and pleasantly employed...

Well, our Webster's Unabridged fails to supply adjectives suited to a description of the lake and city of Lucerne. Our best effort is to say that the former members between the mighty mountains, Right here and Pilatus there, like a brilliant river of precious stones...

On approaching the city we note a well built quay extending quite a distance along the water's edge, supporting a broad wall, solidly built, rows of horse chestnut, a treecypripedium, but not identical with our buckeye, along which throngs of happy tourists are strolling.

Here again we observe, as at all other points in Europe, the paradox of the seasons. They seem to abound in variety, the taxidermy liney one sees on all hands at Saratoga, and to come here for a letter to purpose that to make display of their fine clothes and wealth of shoddiness...

Not fearing the crowd because still provided with a goodly amount of champagne, we soon descended at its own hotel "La Cigogne," (The Swan), and enjoying a good lunch preparatory to further rambling.

The lunch is soon over, for who will stay indoors longer than the stern requirements of food and drink, demand, and out we go, straight into the open air, open mouthed, open card, seeing, tasting, hearing new and strange things at every step; eye, and we hope learning, too, certainly being taught that our esteemed contemporary the E. J. was mistaken when it thought that we had all the wisdom of the world.

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This wonderful piece of work is a monument erected in honor of the Swiss Guard of Louis XVI, who, being left without orders, the king having escaped, faithfully stood to their arms until the last man fell under the furious onslaught of the mad mob at the palace of the Tuilleries.

This inscription is carved in the living rock under the lion: "Hæc sunt nomina eorum qui in sacramento interfecti sunt, ut non pugnarent eorum." They follow the names of the brave men.

A Sunday more Sabbath like we do not remember than this was any. Seeing a notice that an American church service would be held at the National hotel, we attend it to hear our own dear old prayers, litany and psalter once more, and rendered in the simple plain manner which to us makes it always so attractive.

The clergyman was a visitor from New York, Mr. Kenyon, using his vacation for his own health and for the benefit and enjoyment of his countrymen, gives us a good practical sermon, while the large parlor is filled with people on each of whom is impressed that independent character which marks an inheritor of the States and of which we are so justly proud.

To the clergyman has the wisdom to know that a few plain words have more effect than an hour's tiresome talk, so his good sermon is ended just as his hearers wished to hear more, and after a pleasant luncheon we return to the hotel, where the next day we attend a meeting and a few minutes' chat with some of our countrywomen, who have no fear of insult when a strange gentleman speaks to them, we go out once more to take in another sermon, as preached by God's peace air and bright sun and all the loveliness He has so lavishly bestowed upon us.

A walk across the breadth of the little city by a very old bridge spanning the Rheuss, brings us to the foot of a high precipitous hill which is capped by a most attractive building, called "The Gutesh." Of course we are not to visit it, but the ascent daunts us until a veteran approach reveals an inclined railway of most singularly simple design, in length about 800 feet, and inclined at an angle of forty-five degrees. One car comes down as the other goes up, each being connected to his neighbor by a cable which passes over a pulley at the top. An arrangement of this kind we have often seen, but heretofore always worked by a steam engine causing the pulley to revolve, but there is no engine or any other power here. Each car is provided with a

THE OHIO DEMOCRATS

GETTING TOGETHER IN FINE SHAPE AT DAYTON.

Campbell and Neal Each Anxious to Head the State Ticket and Lead the Gallant Phalanx on to Victory—But Little Friction.

DAYTON, Ohio, August 27.—Every train coming in adds crowds to the throngs who are gathering for the Democratic State convention, and flags and banners are displayed at every possible point. Without respect to party the city is given up to enjoyment of the parade of clubs, and bands are playing and men marching in all directions. It is to be a mammoth demonstration led by the Democrats of Ohio.

The Neal party hope in the endeavor to shove off the nomination until after first ball, and are devoting their energies to breaking it up to delegations that have been raised solid for Campbell, and their persistent claims to have made inroads has had the effect at least of clearing up the mind and causing more careful and systematic work on the part of the Campbell following. Neal claims a number of the Hamilton county delegation, but will only get eight votes. Most gentry county is solid for Campbell.

Though Neal has several personal friends in Hamilton county, they are not solidly for him. The Hamilton county delegation, which is expected to be a large one, is expected to be a large one. The Hamilton county delegation, which is expected to be a large one, is expected to be a large one.

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OVER FIVE MILLIONS.

Heavy Bond Acceptance Yesterday—A Queer Rumor.

WASHINGTON, August 27.—The bonds purchased by the treasury department today reached the unusual aggregate of \$5,395,000. They were all four per cent registered bonds and were bought at 128. It is learned at the treasury that soon after Secretary Windom's departure for New England, bondholders in the money market which might obligate them to part with their bonds, made a determined effort to increase the price. In pursuance of this plan numerous appeals were made to the treasury to increase the limit the department had fixed upon as the price it would pay for bonds, and Secretary Windom was followed in his retirement by telegrams of this purport. These very nearly had the desired effect, as the department was seriously considering the advisability of increasing its figures when offerings dropped off sharply a few days ago. It was finally decided, however, to maintain the existing rate a few days longer, and the result was a small minority in the break upon the part of holders which led to the purchase of over \$5,000,000 in bonds today.

If an unofficial rumor which has reached the State department is correct, it will give an almost comical effect to the angry remarks of the Canadians against operations of the revenue steamer Kish in the Behring sea. The story is to the effect, that the steamer Black Diamond, which was as the vessel seized this year, is owned in a large degree, if not entirely, by citizens of the United States. This information came to the department incidentally while a quiet inquiry was being made into the truth of the statement that the United States vice consul at Victoria is interested largely in the same colonial vessel illegally sealing in the Behring sea, which statement has so far, not been officially confirmed.

APPEALING FOR AID To Re-establish Schools in the Conemaugh Valley. JOHNSBURG, Pa., August 27.—The school directors of the flood districts of the Conemaugh valley met today and issued an appeal to the school boards of the State and the charitable people of the country asking aid for the schools. All the buildings in the valley were swept away and the books destroyed, and there is no money to replace them, it having been decided that the general relief fund could not be applied to that purpose. After reciting the needs of the different districts the appeal concludes: "The world can see our extreme need of help. This appeal is our last remedy. The State superintendent has advised us to challenge the friends of education. We hope the appeal will not be in vain. Let each teacher and pupil do something for the State and the charitable people of the country who are helping us. If we can do it this winter we will be able to establish ourselves on a permanent basis. Contributions should be sent to E. E. Higbie, superintendent of public instruction, Harrisburg, Pa., by whom it will be forwarded to the different districts."

THE GREAT STRIKE. Among London Workmen Remains Unsettled. LONDON, August 27.—The printers employed by the firms of Eyre & Spottiswoode, Cassell & Co., and Waterlow & Sons, have struck.

Ten thousand striking dock laborers marched in procession today. They were led by a band of music. The strikers, and the situation shows no sign of improvement. Meetings of employers and workmen continue to be held, but without result. The directors of the Commercial dock company have declined the offer of services of 3,000 Belgian laborers at 42 per cent.

The commercial dock company has decided the proposals of delegates from leading houses of twelve different trades to submit to arbitration the grievances of the workmen. Today drivers of the government mail carts demanded an advance of wages which the post office authorities granted.

The London Chamber of Commerce urges the dock managers to agree to an arbitration, and seven members of the House of Commons in an interview with the dock directors today appealed to them to concede to the demand of the men. The directors promised to consider the matter in connection with the vessel unloading in Medway, to which the strike has not yet extended. The Salvation Army, London Cottage Mission, and similar bodies are materially assisting the strikers with cheap or gratuitous meals and lodgings. The coal porters have rejected the offer of the London dock company of a shilling an hour, dinner and beer and protection from the strikers. The keynote showing the importance of the movement was struck by Mr. Burns at a meeting tonight. He pronounced the strike a stepping stone to a greater and nobler movement of organized men throughout the country. The present struggle would teach a lesson of union. When concluded he would commence his work in the east end.

LONDON, August 27.—In the House of Commons tonight Home Secretary Matthews, referring to the great strike, said he was not prepared to admit the existence of organized intimidation which would justify interference by the police. He earnestly hoped that each side would endeavor to adjust all differences.

HAVING A GOOD TIME. A Virginia Band's Treatment in Massachusetts. LYNN, Mass., August 27.—The Union Cornet Band of Winchester, Va., which is now in camp at Northwood, near Nahant from Boston at 11 o'clock this morning, and went to Bass Point House, where they were met by a committee from Post 5, G. A. R. of Lynn, the Lynn Sons of Veterans, the Lynn ladies' relief corps and representatives of military companies. The band then left for the mayor Wm. M. Atkinson, W. L. Knott, John F. Noonan, A. R. Arnett and Powell Arnett. The party came to Lynn at 3 o'clock, and were given a reception by Mayor Newhall. The Southern visitors were then shown through Veber & Co's shoe factory, and this evening attended Proctor's Theatre.

The President Read the Papers. DREXEL PARK, Md., August 27.—President Harrison excluded no official business today. A part of his time was consumed in reading newspapers and his voluminous correspondence. Among the callers at the Spencer cottage were Gen. Nathan Goff, jr., of West Virginia, with whom the President took a long walk, and Rev. Geo. L. Willard, a Catholic priest, with whom the President conversed in reference to the treatment of Indians.

Everidge Got the Drop. LITTLE ROCK, August 27.—A Gazette special from Fort Smith, Ark., says: At Goswell, Indian Territory, last night, Capt. Joseph Everidge shot and killed his brother-in-law, Wm. Luther. Everidge, Luther, W. H. Ford and one Purcell all had married sisters. A feud arose in which about a year ago Luther killed Ford and Purcell. Last night he attempted to kill Everidge, who is a detective on the "Frisco road," but was shot as he drew his pistol.

A Shake Up in Greece. ATHENS, August 27.—The earthquake felt throughout Greece yesterday originated in the gulf. The Corinth cable is broken, and a number of houses at Acanthia and Etalaeon were wrecked. No loss of life is reported.

A GREAT PARADE

THE CHIEF FEATURE OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

Thirty Thousand Grand Army Men Line the Streets of Milwaukee—Sherman the Lion of the Hour with the Vets.

MILWAUKEE, August 27.—The parade has been the great event of the encampment, and while not so large as some anticipated it was a well managed, fine spectacle and as in fact history of the processions was that it started on time. The head of the column began to move at 10 o'clock, and reached the reviewing stand on Grand avenue at 10:30 o'clock. A conservative estimate of the number of men who passed that point places it at 30,000. A noticeable incident of the parade was the enthusiasm of the old veterans whenever they caught a glimpse of Gen. Sherman. He was greeted with round after round of cheers, while the bands forgot their admonition not to play "Marching through Georgia," and they played it with a loud accompaniment through the South lead in honor of the time that has dimmed his eyes ever since the war closed. Occasionally a veteran in the ranks would break out with a salute to his old general. One called out, "Oh, you'll live to fight through another war," while another shouted, "How about those chickens?" To the latter interrogatory Gen. Sherman who was as tickled as a school boy replied, "Oh, I never took the trouble to inquire where they came from." The Pennsylvania delegation made the best appearance of any in the line, and were conspicuous for their soldierly bearing through out the entire parade. There were no indifferent spectators to be seen. About the time the parade started, one was observed from the intersection of Eighth street and Grand avenue, looking down the avenue to the bridge with the headlight beams of a light house shining on the brilliant decorations all the way up to both sides of the street, presented a panorama which no one who saw it is likely to forget in a lifetime. It was grand and imposing; how gay it all looked withal. Another imposing spectacle was from Third street up Grand avenue. In the foreground a solid phalanx of human beings, a sort of atmosphere of bright colors and good nature covering it all. A little further on was the reviewing stand with its dromery and freight of dignitaries; and then in the distance the glow of flames of a light house shining on the moving down the hill, the great column between solid walls of cheering humanity. One not accustomed to see such gatherings would be likely to make a very wild guess if he attempted to state the number of people in the streets during the parade. Down Grand avenue from Fifth street, every window and place where one could stand or sit was taken. Every window of the Plankton house was blossomed with faces and pretty costumes.

The Superior Court. Closed its summer term yesterday afternoon, the docket having been cleared after faithful work, and Judge Clark left last night for Connely Springs, where he will meet his family and remain until it is time for him to leave for Transylvania court. Though Judge Clark was commended by THE CITIZEN for a charge he never made, and though that gave some of the State papers occasion for some very wise disquisitions upon the error of meeting out prizes to the judiciary, we can now say that Judge Clark during the court earned and deserved all the commendation anticipated in the compliment to the undeviated charge. The best test of good service is that of the bar, the first men to feel and be active under the novel pulling of a tight rein, and also the first to acknowledge the wisdom and justice of the restraint. Without exception, the members of the bar accord to Judge Clark, ample learning, a clear judicial mind, quick reaching of conclusions, promptness of decision, due patience, great courtesy, but marked impatience of waste of time. To emphasize this characteristic, he has had put a clock in sixty-four court rooms in the State to impress the idea that "time is money," thus insuring promptness and punctuality, both of which he enforces rigidly. Judge Clark, like Judge McKee, shows great regard for the comforts of the jury; he says their duties are onerous and tiring, and should be mitigated as much as possible by the provision of conveniences. Here, the jury room has been provided with easy revolving chairs, not as luxuries, but as comforts necessary for men selected against their will to do the public business.

PROMINENT PEOPLE. A Distinguished Assemblage at Battery Park Last Night. Among the distinguished North Carolinians who arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and who are now guests at the palatial Battery Park, are Associate Justice A. C. Avery of the State supreme court, and Miss Avery; Associate Justice Jas. E. Shepherd of the same august tribunal, and son; Col. T. M. Emerson, general freight and passenger agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Misses Ella Montie, sister to Mrs. Gov. Jarvis, and Mamie and Katie Frommberger; Maj. F. W. Clark, general freight and passenger agent of the Seaboard Air-Line; Maj. O. M. Sadler, division superintendent of the Southern Express Co.; Superintendent V. E. McLee, of the Western North Carolina road, and family, just returned from Greensboro White Sulphur Springs; and G. and S. Sadler, Charlotte.

Disastrous Boiler Explosion. ELIMBA, N. Y., August 27.—This afternoon about 2 o'clock a boiler in the mill factory of Gutcher & Co., at South Tonawanda, Pa., exploded. Fifteen men were instantly killed. Two others will probably die and four others were seriously injured. The building was wrecked.

The Governor's Ball. Nearly all of Asheville's society folk yesterday received handsomely printed invitations to attend the reception and grand full dress ball given in honor of Governor and Miss Helen Fowle at the Mountain Park hotel, Hot Springs, this evening. These invitations were pretty generally accepted, and quite a party of Ashevilleans will do honor to the Governor and his beautiful and accomplished daughter on the occasion.

A Committee Meeting. The regular monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Asheville Library Association will be held at Camp Patton this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 5:30 o'clock. A full attendance of members is urgently requested.

BURGLARS A-BURGLING.

Attempts to Enter Stores and Residences in This City.

That a gang of sneak-thieves and burglars are now operating their nefarious schemes in this city is a fact well known to the police authorities, reporters on this paper, and certain gentlemen doing business in the Eagle building. How long these rogues have been here, who they are, and from whence they came, will soon be made known to the public, as the coils of justice are fast being tightened around them by our vigilant police.

The first intimation of their presence here was announced Monday when Messrs. D. P. Herndon and Jas. L. Weaver, two young men who room in the second story of the Eagle hotel, discovered that their chamber had been entered and robbed of about fifty dollars' worth of clothing, etc., while they were at their respective places of business during the afternoon. This fact was reported to the police and they at once went quietly and vigorously to work on the case.

Yesterday morning Mr. James Carson, the book and news dealer, whose place of business is near the postoffice, upon opening his store, found the stocks of goods in the show cases thrown promiscuously about, his books in general disarray, and upon making further examination discovered that the thieves had effected an entrance into the storeroom through one of the rear windows of the building. The rogues, however, not being of a literary turn of mind, took nothing so far as Mr. Carson was yet able to ascertain.

Mr. J. M. Heston's confectionery establishment, adjoining Carson's book-store, and the rear door and windows of his place were also tried by the scoundrels the same night, but failing to effect an entrance or being scared off, they departed.

Rumors of other attempts to enter stores and residences in the city were current late last evening but nothing definite could be ascertained, and as no complaints were reported at the police station there is little cause to believe them true.

READ THE LETTER. Asheville as it Appears to an Able Charleston Reporter. It is scarcely possible for a visitor to express his views about Asheville and the mountain section otherwise than with something of enthusiasm. The atmosphere, the scenery, the environments are all those of a new world to a man from the coast lands, of another planet. Few natures are so childish or so unimpressive as not to yield to the inspiring charm which fills the eye with new pleasure and expands the soul with new ideas. Sometimes there are conditions and accompaniments which serve to accomplish the superfluous purpose of gilding refined gold; something that finds in the crystal air a greater brilliancy, in the ethereal blue of the mountains a deeper exultation, in the splendors of the landscape a wider diversity, such for instance as when such a visitor comes accompanied with his blushing bride and is in mood to feel that all these beautiful things are spread and furnished for his especial delectation. So we may look with especial eagerness for the Asheville letter of Mr. M. E. Tighe, an attaché of the News and Courier, to appear in that paper today or tomorrow. No doubt Pelham will have a full supply of the copies of the paper, and from the character of the writer and the circumstances under which it was written, it will prove unusually interesting.

FOKES YOU KNOW. Who They Are; Where They Are, and What They Are Doing. Mr. E. H. Wright has returned to the city. Mr. W. B. Gatewood, of Linden, Va., traveling freight agent of the Richmond and Danville road, is at the Swannanoa. Mr. Henry M. Brown, Miss Bettie Brown, Mrs. Spragins and daughter left yesterday for Caser's Head, where they will spend several days. Mr. C. W. Brown and family, of Dakota, are here. Mr. B. is the son of undertaker J. V. Brown and will probably permanently locate in Asheville.

The Rev. Mr. Gwaltney, a prominent minister of the Baptist church, and an old friend of ours, is in the city, a guest, we believe, of the Rev. Dr. J. L. Carroll. Mr. J. J. Mackey returned yesterday from Red Oak, Tenn., where he has been on a visit to Mrs. Mackey, who is now convalescent from a very serious attack of typhoid fever.

L. J. Laird, Esq., manager of agencies of the Southern Mutual Building and Loan Association of Atlanta, is at the Grand Central, and will spend several days in the city. Col. John D. Cameron, editor of this paper, leaves to-day for Waynesville, where he will attend the Haywood Confederate reunion which begins at that place this morning.

A Farewell Concert. Guinness & Armstrong's Swiss Bell Ringers and Comely company, which has been spending the summer months in Asheville and other places in Western North Carolina, will give a farewell concert at Battery Park to-morrow evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. An excellent program has been arranged and the admission fee has been fixed at popular prices. The company will leave for New York, Friday, from which city it will start out on its annual tour during the latter part of next week.

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BUNCOMBE PRISONERS

AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE TREATED.

They Have Plenty to Eat, Their Cells are Cleanly Kept and Well Ventilated, and They Have no Cause for Complaint.

One among the most admirably managed public institutions of Buncombe is its county jail, and the care of prisoners confined therein is worthy of much favorable comment. While the discipline is rigid and strictly enforced, the wants of the inmates, their comforts and conveniences are as strictly looked after by efficient sheriff Reynolds and his jailer Mr. W. H. Jimison. There is no brutality, careless neglect or hardships, beyond close confinement, experienced here by these unfortunate wights, most of whom are colored and incarcerated on charges of petty larceny and similar offenses against the statute law.

Their food is of the best quality, thoroughly prepared and bounteously served, and a goodly number of those who now eat three full meals each day in jail would think it strange and a stroke of fortune, indeed, if they succeeded in having their punches filled twice a day outside of prison walls.

As a rule the prisoners appreciate the kind treatment they receive at the hands of the big-hearted sheriff, and give him but little, if any trouble, in the enforcement of his splendid government of Buncombe's chief penal institution. Occasionally an ugly customer gets his feathers ruffled the wrong way, but they are quickly smoothed out by the cool and determined sheriff, and after this is accomplished the ugly individual is as docile and obedient as any jailer would wish to see. Kindness, not harshness or violence, is the sheriff's idea of managing prisoners, and he finds that the rule works well.

The sanitary condition of the jail is perfect; the cells are clean and airy; the beds and clothing free from the slightest suspicion of filth and that disagreeable species of vermin so often found in the best managed institutions of this kind. The bathing facilities are ample, and every precaution is taken to prevent disagreeable conditions by totally eradicating any possible cause for their existence.

Dr. H. B. Weaver is the jail physician and is a frequent visitor among the numerous cells and cages. He prescribes for the prisoners when sick, and at each visit makes a thorough examination of the sanitary condition of the building. If there is anything wrong, and it is seldom there, is sheriff Reynolds is notified at once, and that official immediately issues his orders to the jailer who as promptly carries them out to the letter.

An excellently managed jail is that of Buncombe, and its conduct is a credit to the competent officials who have it in charge, and under their control. At present there are twenty persons confined in the jail for various offenses, among whom there are three charged with homicide; two with horse stealing; one with counterfeiting; two with violating internal revenue laws; one with cattle stealing, and the rest with common larceny.

Of those in for homicide is John Wilson, white, from Vancey, who was convicted of murder in that county early this year, and who was sentenced to hang. His attorneys, however, secured an appeal to the supreme court, and Wilson was sent here for safe keeping until the decision of the higher tribunal in his case is made known.

Next on this list comes Jesse Peterson, also white, charged with murder in Madison. He, too, is awaiting the result of an appeal to the supreme court, and is in Buncombe jail for safe keeping.

The last of the trio is William Fore, of this county, who figured in Sunday's tragedy at the Turkey Creek camp meeting. He is awaiting trial at the October term of the criminal court for the slaying of Amos Lamsford, of Leicester township.

Thomas Wright and David Swartzell, the horse-thieves, also occupy a cell on the second floor of the jail. The decision of the supreme court in their case has not yet been handed down and they are patiently and hopefully awaiting the result. Wright is just now recovering from an attack of pneumonia and presents a pitiable spectacle. He is terribly emaciated, and has a horrible, hacking cough, frightfully suggestive of consumption. His companion, however, is in robust health and carefully nurses Wright in his feeble condition.

A curious assortment and mixture of crime and petty meanness is found in all penal institutions, and Buncombe jail is no exception to the rule; but THE CITIZEN is free to assert its belief that if all jails were managed as efficiently and their inmates treated as humanely as are those in sheriff Reynolds's keeping, the newspapers of the country would not contain one-tenth of the horrible exposes of the brutality of sheriffs and keepers of prisons that now shock and disgust mankind's better feeling by their recital.

Sheriff Reynolds is due much credit for his faithful, efficient and humane care of those unfortunate in his keeping.

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